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SUBJECT 1. SIGHTING OF EIGHT U.S. POW'S IN MINOT
DISTRICT, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA
2. LOCATION OF VC/NVA HOSPITAL IN KOMPONG
CHAM PROVINCE

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SOURCE

1. DURING OCTOBER 1972 EIGHT U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW)

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WERE SEEN IN CHHOEU KHLEM VILLAGE (XU212296), MINOT DISTRICT, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING, THE POW'S WERE BEING TAKEN BY FIVE ARMED VIET CONG/NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (VC/NVA) TROOPS AND BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], TO A LARGE VC/NVA HOSPITAL WEST OF THE VILLAGE. THREE OF THE POW'S WERE NEGROES AND, [REDACTED], ALL OF THE PRISONERS APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH. THEY WERE DRESSED IN KHAKI UNIFORMS, SHORT-SLEEVED SHIRTS, LONG BLUE PANTS AND GRAY HATS.

2. THE EIGHT POW'S WERE BEING HELD IN CHHOEU KHLEM VILLAGE WHERE THEY WORKED ON VEGETABLE FARMS WHICH BELONGED TO THE VILLAGE. GENERALLY, THE VC/NVA GUARDS TOOK THE POW'S INTO CHHOEU KHLEM VILLAGE EACH EVENING FOR AN HOUR.

[REDACTED] THESE AMERICANS WERE TAKEN PRISONER BY THE VC/NVA IN 1971 WHEN THE VC/NVA CAPTURED TWO U.S. TANKS IN DAMBE (WU9628) IN KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE. [REDACTED] NOT KNOW THE NAMES OF ANY OF THE POW'S.)

3. AN AMERICAN PILOT, WHO WAS ALSO BEING HELD AS A POW IN CHHOEU KHLEM, DIED IN THE VILLAGE IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER 1972. THIS PILOT HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN 1971 IN AN AREA NORTH OF MINOT TOWN (XU2907), MINOT DISTRICT, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE.

4. THE VC/NVA HOSPITAL LOCATED IN CHHOEU KHLEM VILLAGE AT XU212296, XU189290, AND XU189300 IS THE LARGEST VC/NVA HOSPITAL IN CAMBODIA. THE COMMANDER OF THE HOSPITAL IS BA T H I E N, A NORTH VIETNAMESE FROM HANOI; THE DEPUTY COMMANDER IS NAM T H A N H; AND THE CHIEF SURGEON IS DR. BAI D A I, A NORTH VIETNAMESE. ALTHOUGH THE EXACT NUMBER OF PATIENTS AT THE HOSPITAL IS NOT KNOWN, THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED SEVERAL HUNDRED PATIENTS WHO WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND WERE EVACUATED TO CAMBODIA. THE HOSPITAL HAS NOT BEEN THE TARGET OF GROUND OR AIR ATTACKS. THE HOSPITAL IS EQUIPPED WITH AN UNDERGROUND OPERATING ROOM (40 METERS BY 60 METERS

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[REDACTED] NO FOREIGN DISSEM

[REDACTED], A PHARMACY, A LABORATORY, AND A LARGE KITCHEN. THE
HOSPITAL CONSISTS OF MANY BUILDINGS, EACH 20 METERS LONG
SEVEN METERS WIDE AND OCCUPIED BY SOME 20 TO 30
PATIENTS. THE HOSPITAL HAS SIX CAMOUFLAGED GMC TRUCKS WHICH
ARE USED DAILY TO TRANSPORT FOOD TO THE HOSPITAL COMPOUND.
THERE ARE SEVERAL HUNDRED PERSONS EMPLOYED AT THE HOSPITAL.

5. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY, MACV AT SAIGON: SENT TO
BANGKOK FOR JCRC.

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